

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

Thursday, November 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Toni Keesler at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was taken as follows: Kelly Doran – here, Judy Michael – here, Debbie Hickman – here, Jeff Steele – here, Kate Duskey – here, Carla Risner - here and Toni Keesler - here. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Also, in attendance was Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer, Rusty Wilson, Village Administrator and Matt Spurlock, Chief of Police. Guests included Tommy Hicks, Doug Kramer, Robert Maurer, Georgetta Cloud and Sharon Kilburn.

MINUTES

Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2022 regular meeting. Judy second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Doug Kramer with Kramer and Associates updated Council on the Walking Path and Drainage Ditch Projects. He stated that both should be completed by summer of 2023.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Rusty gave an update on the old wells from Layne who stated that the casings are good in wells 2 and 3 screens are clean with just some sediment. Well 1 had a line that needed removed that happened today so they will work on well 1 next week and there is no reason why we can't move forward with the next steps.

We did get awarded the OPWC grant for the generator project at the sewer plant which is \$150,000.00. The Village contribution is \$72,000.00.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

The Chief mentioned that the first of this week the department has been tagging vehicles that are on the street that are inoperable, has flat tires or have expired tags. Already some have been removed by the owners. There are still a few streets to go and they will continue to remain on top of those.

Matt then presented certificates to those individuals who graduated from the Citizens Police Academy this year and thanked them for attending.

OLD BUSINESS

Debbie made a motion to move forward with the purchase of a street sweeper as previously discussed at Council meetings. Kelly second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Judy made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of Resolution #2055-2022 the 2023 Proposed Budget. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly mentioned at our last meeting the Richardson's donated \$10,000.00 to go towards the Tyler Richardson Park. Since the finance committee met last week and reviewed the budget he would like the Village to match that donation. Kelly made a motion for the Village to match \$10,000.00 for park improvements. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly also mentioned that once reviewing the 2023 budget he recommends we not put the general levy back on in May and we will figure out other ways to fund our Police Department. Becky said if we don't put the general levy back on then we might want to think about an additional Police levy in the future. Kelly said we do however need to look toward the future repairs and improvements to our water and sewer plants so we need to do increases in those funds since it has been seven years since anything has been changed other than reductions. Kelly said he would like Council to consider the escalator to start at 1.5% in the trash fund at \$1.29 increase and then do an additional increase this time in the water fund at \$3.21 and an increase in the sewer fund at \$3.00 to start on January 1, 2023. Becky will present the Resolution at the next meeting for the water and sewer increase as the escalator Resolution is already in place.

Kelly mentioned taking some access money and putting into another account without locking it up and that we will be looking at better interest-bearing banks other than First Financial Bank.

GENERAL DISCUSSION, THOUGHTS AND IDEAS

None

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Judy made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Judy made a motion to approve the bills. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Judy made a motion to approve the October Finance Report. Carla second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Kelly made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 P.M. Judy second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Toni Keesler, Mayor